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Gentlemen:

In regard to the referenced docket number, we wish to go on record that we believe that the <u>blanket ban</u> that prevents people with diabetes from obtaining a commercial drivers' license is <u>unfair</u> and should be replaced with a fair system of individual evaluation. Our nephew is directly involved—his job was eliminated because the company was closing its Colorado facility. He would have been offered another job had it not been for the blanket ban. He is a young man, supporting a daughter, and we believe he should be evaluated instead of banned. He should not automatically be discriminated against.

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